

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S
PUBLISHED CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

REQUEST

Request Board approval of the attached revised Department of Mental Health (DMH) Published Charges for Fiscal Year 2004-2005, effective April 1, 2005, in order to comply with Federal Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) Lower of Cost or Charges (LCC) reimbursement and routine cost requirements.

BACKGROUND

Since the State DMH has ruled that the time it takes to transport clients cannot be counted towards the minimum hours of a Day Treatment program and since previously DMH did count the travel time toward the minimum hours of its full-day (four (4) plus hours) Day Treatment Intensive program resulting in a full-day service, Board action is required to allow DMH to revise the Board approved FY 2004-2005 Published Charges to include additional rates – one (1) rate for Medi-Cal and one (1) rate for all other responsible financial parties - for a half-day (three (3) hours) Day Treatment Intensive service.

Prior to the adoption of new fees or the increase of existing fees, Government Code Section 66018, added by stats. 1990, ch. 1572 (AB 3228), §20, requires the publication of notice and a public hearing to be held. This matter has been set for public hearing at the regular Board meeting on March 22, 2005. The publication of the notice will be published at a minimum of 10 days prior to the public hearing.

The recommended Published Charges comply with Short-Doyle/Medi-Cal (SD/MC) audit requirements, which took effect on July 1, 1992. Federal requirements stipulate that Published Charges are to be determined at the countywide level.

INTENT

Approval of DMH's revised Published Charges that includes two (2) rates for a half-day Day Treatment Intensive service will be compliant with the Federal LCC principle and will avoid audit disallowances.

JUSTIFICATION

The current Published Charges for FY 2004-2005 approved by your Board on June 22, 2004 are still in effect. This action is required to revise the Board approved

FY 2004-2005 Published Charges to include an additional service category to DMH's schedule of covered service benefits. Currently, DMH's schedule of covered service benefits only reflects a full-day rate for Day Treatment Intensive service. This action will add a half-day rate for Day Treatment Intensive service. Board action is required to ensure that Published Charges are in compliance with Medi-Cal requirements. The recovery of Federal revenues in compliance with State and Federal regulations necessitates that Published Charges be established at least annually.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The subject does not apply since DMH Published Charges apply only to DMH's directly-operated clinics.

Attachment